



CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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PAVING ON SR-18 IN BIG BEAR DELAYED DUE TO STORMS

Big Bear – Caltrans has adjusted the start date for paving on State Route 18 in Big Bear due to recent storms, which have affected the construction schedule. Paving is now expected to begin Friday July 29th or during the week of August 1st depending on weather. Minor construction work has taken place over the last two weeks and will continue until the actual paving begins. The work hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will require lane closures up to two miles in length. One lane will be closed and one lane open with flagging and pilot cars to pass traffic through the closure with a minimum delay of 15 minutes or less.

The project will begin at Green Way Drive on the east-end of Big Bear Lake and move west through Big Bear City toward Big Bear Dam. The type of asphalt being used is a quick-dry product, which dries in 15-30 minutes, and will allow traffic onto the new roadbed sooner. The project is expected to be complete by the end of September 2005.

Motorists are advised that the speed limit will be reduced in the construction zone and traffic fines will be doubled. Consideration will be given to school buses. Watch for lane shifts and wait for pilot car and flaggers to give directions. Your patience is always appreciated and remember to - ***SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE.***

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